

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on October 7, 2008 at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Worthington, Young, Elder, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Briggs, Kidd

STAFF PRESENT: Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director; Joseph Scarbrough, Assistant Planner Intern; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review - 800 Lincoln Way (Carpets-N-More) - File HDR 08-32.** The applicant requests approval for the installation of one 9 square foot wall and one 18 square foot wall sign for Carpets-N-More located at 800 Lincoln Way.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided details about the proposed signs, including sizes, materials and colors. The signs are identical except for size. A condition has been added requiring that the signs include a brown pinstripe border. With this condition, staff recommends approval of the signs.

Comm. Worthington asked if staff discussed the use of the phone number on the signs with the applicant.

Planner Scarbrough replied that the applicant was informed of the Commission's previous comments about the use of phone numbers on signs.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Russ Dillingham of 800 Lincoln Way in Auburn stated that he would like to have the phone number on the signs so that people driving by can call to inquire about his product. He added that the signs have already been made.

Bud Bolander of 12501 Quail Meadow Drive in Auburn stated that he feels each business should be analyzed individually for whether or not a phone number is appropriate.

There were no other comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Nardini-Hanson **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-37 as presented, approving one 9 square foot wall sign and one 18 square foot wall sign as illustrated in Exhibits B - D.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES:	Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Young, Elder, Chrm. Smith
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Worthington
ABSENT:	Briggs, Kidd

The motion was approved.

B. Historic Design Review - 991 Lincoln Way (Devine Wellness) - File HDR 08-31. The applicant requests Historic Design approval for the installation of one 39.5 square foot free standing sign for Devine Wellness located at 991 Lincoln Way.

Planner Scarbrough presented the staff report. He provided details about the sign including size, colors, design and placement. The colors of the sign match the colors of the building. The sign will be supported by two 6' x 6' posts with copper post caps. Staff believes the sign is compatible with the character of the downtown district and recommends approval of the sign.

Comm. Elder asked where the sign is located in relation to the palm tree.

Planner Scarbrough replied that it is to the left as you are looking at the building.

Comm. Spokely asked if staff verified that there are no conflicts with this sign and the Streetscape Project.

Planner Scarbrough replied that staff did verify that there are no conflicts with the Streetscape Project.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Bud Bolander of 12501 Quail Hollow Drive in Auburn is the owner of the property. The proposed sign is for the current tenant, who will have multiple services at this location. The lower portion of the sign has removable parts which can be changed as needed. They plan to place a directory at the main entry of the building. They plan to install up-lighting, which will be mounted on the ground. The sign will be centered between the palm tree and the entrance walk.

Director Wong stated that a condition could be added to specify the type of lighting that will be required.

Comm. Elder asked if the rear of the building is handicap accessible.

Mr. Bolander replied that the handicap access from the parking lot is routed to the front entrance.

Comm. Young asked how many square feet the building is.

Mr. Bolander replied that it is just under 4000 square feet.

Comm. Young asked if the building is sprinklered.

Mr. Bolander replied that it is not.

Comm. Worthington stated that she agrees that the phone number is necessary on this particular sign due to the types of services offered.

Comm. Spokely asked the applicant if he considered pushing the sign back a little further for increased street visibility.

Mr. Bolander stated that they will be exploring the best options for exact placement of the sign.

Comm. Nardini-Hanson asked for clarification about the addition of a condition for the lighting.

Director Wong replied that a condition can be added for the lighting.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Worthington **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-36 as modified by the Historic Design Review Commission to include a condition that ground mounted lighting may be installed, subject to the review and approval of the Community Development Department for one business sign as illustrated in Exhibits B & C.

Comm. Nardini-Hanson **SECONDED**.

AYES: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Worthington, Young, Elder,
Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Briggs, Kidd

The motion was approved.

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

A. City Council Meetings

No report.

B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings

The Commission will be informed if there is a meeting on October 21, 2008.

C. Reports

The banner sweep has been completed. The Old Town and Downtown Business Associations will be contacting the businesses that are out of compliance. Staff has begun a survey of the blinking signs. Staff has begun calling other cities for information about color palettes.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant